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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT

TAGS: EGEN, PK

SUBJECT: WAPDA FUNCTIONS TO BE DECENTRALIZED

1. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT KARACHI JAN 10 MINISTER FOR PROVINCIAL COORDINATION, LAW, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND EDUCATION, HAFEEZ PIRZADA ANNOUNCED THAT GOPSWAD DECIDED TO DECENTRALIZE THE POWER DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION OF THE WATER AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. PIRZADA SAID DECISION WAS ONE OF SEVERAL TAKEN DURING TWO-DAY GOVERNOR'S PROVINCIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN KARACHI JAN 9 AND 10. PIRZADA SAID THAT TO IMPLEMENT DECISION AND "TO INCREASE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRACTICAL EFFICIENCY", REGIONAL BOARDS WOULD BE SET UP IN EACH PROVINCE TO REGULATE POWER DISTRIBUTION AS A STEP TOWARD THE DIRECT CONTROL OF POWER DISTRIBUTION BY THE PROVINCES. POWER GENERATION WILL REMAIN UNDER WAPDA CONTROL.

2. COMMENT: WAPDA, ESTABLISHED IN 1958, IS RESPONSIBLE

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ACCORDING TO CHARTER FOR "UNIFORM AND COORDINATED

DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND POWER RESOURCES OF PAKISTAN."
THE CURRENT DECISION WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN LINE WITH
EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE APPEARANCE OF AS
MAC REGIONAL AUTONOMY AS POSSIBLE TO SATISFY PROVINCIAL
AMBITIONS, WHILE STILL MAINTAINING STRONG CENTRAL CONTROL
OF ALL ESSENTIAL DECISION MAKING. WAPDA HEADQUARTERS
IS LOCATED IN LAHORE.
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